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TURKISH POLITICAL LEADERS ON JANUARY 29 MADE SEVERAL
NOTEWORTHY COMMENTS REGARDING PROSPECTIVE CYPRUS DEVELOP-
MENTS:

A. PRIMIN SADI IRMAK, FOLLOWING AFTERNOON MEETING WITH
POLITICAL LEADERS, TOLD THE PRESS THAT NICOSIA AIRPORT WOULD
SOON BE OPENED TO AVIATION UNDER JOINT MANAGEMENT AS "THE
FIRST EXAMPLE OF GRECO-TURKISH COOPERATION," AND THE PORT OF
FAMAGUSTA WOULD BE REOPENED TO INTERNATIONAL NAVIGATION VERY
SOON UNDER TURKISH CONTROL. IRMAK WAS ALSO QUOTED AS SAYING
THAT TURKEY HAD GIVEN NO RPT NO CONCESSIONS IN EXCHANGE FOR
THE RELEASE OF THE TURKISH REFUGEES FROM THE BRITISH BASES IN
CYPRUS, BUT HAD ACHIEVED THIS RESULT THROUGH "TOUGH"

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B. TURKISH RADIO NEWS (EVENING JANUARY 29) QUOTED
REPUBLICAN PEOPLES' PARTY CHAIRMAN BULENT ECEVIT AS SAYING
AFTER THE POLITICAL LEADERS' MEETING THAT THE REOPENING OF
NICOSIA AIRPORT SHOULD NOT RPT NOT BE AN OBSTACLE FOR TURKEY.
BUT IN THE MEANTIME THE TURKS SHOULD GO AHEAD IMMEDIATELY
WITH OPENING MERIC (TIMBOU) AIRPORT, FIRST AS A LINK BETWEEN
CYPRUS AND TURKEY, THEN WITH THE REST OF THE WORLD.

C. IN A SEPARATE STATEMENT TO FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS,
ECEVIT SAID THE SEPARATE EXISTENCE OF TURKS AND GREEKS IN
CYPRUS IN SEPARATE PARTS OF THE ISLAND WAS MANDATORY IF THEY
WERE TO LIVE IN PEACE. HE RULED OUT PARTITION OF THE ISLAND,
HOWEVER, SAYING, "WE CANNOT IN FACT BE A NEIGHBOR OF GREECE
IN OUR SOUTH, WHILE WE HAVE SO MANY PROBLEMS WITH HER IN THE
WEST AS A NEIGHBOR." ECEVIT ALSO SAID THE WITHDRAWAL OF SOME
TURKISH TROOPS FROM CYPRUS WAS BASED ON THE MILITARY SITU-
ATION THERE AND WAS NOT RPT NOT CONNECTED WITH THE QUESTION
OF U.S. MILITARY ASSISTANCE OR THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS.

D. JUSTIC PARTY CHAIRMAN SULEYMAN DEMIREL, ADDRESSING
HIS PARTY'S JOINT PARLIAMENTARY GROUP, EXPRESSED CONCERN
OVER THE PROSPECTIVE CUTOFF OF U.S. MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO
TURKEY. DEMIREL SPENT MOST OF HIS TIME CRITICIZING FORMER
ECEVIT GOVERNMENT, BUT ALSO COMMENTED THAT THE TURKISH
MILITARY OPERATIONS IN CYPRUS WERE SEPARATE FROM ISSUE OF
AMERICAN MILITARY AID, AND IT WAS DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND WHY
AMERICA WAS TRYING TO "PUNISH" TURKEY BY CUTTING OFF AID.
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